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SUBJ: MILITARY EXERCISES IN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA

1. JNA AND ALL PEOPLES DEFENSE FORCE (APDF) HAVE COMPLETED "AUTUMN '74" MILITARY EXERCISES IN SLOVENIA (OCT 3-6). GENERAL TAVCAR OVERALL COMMANDER. APDF OPERATIONS AGAINST "INVADER ARMY" DESCRIBED AS COMPLETE SUCCESS. ZAGREB MILITARY REGION COMMAND ANNOUNCED OCT 3 THAT MILITARY EXERCISES OF LIKE NATURE HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CROATIA SEPT 25-OCT 3.

2. APDF FOUNDED AFTER 1968 PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS DETERRENT TO SIMILAR INVASION OF YUGOSLAVIA. RECENT EXERCISES HAVE OCCASIONED EXTENSIVE REPORTING BY WEST AND MORE THAN PASSING NOTICE FROM YUGOSLAV PRESS. TANJUG ACCOUNTS OCT 4-7, BORBA ARTICLES OCT 4, 5, 7.

3. WESTERN PRESS SPECULATES EXERCISES MAY BE CONNECTED WITH COMINFORMIST TRIAL AND PACT MANEUVERS IN HUNGARY.

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MINIMAL AND POST FACTO COVERAGE OF CROATIAN EXERCISES

COUPLED WITH SUBSTANTIAL PUBLICITY FOR SLOVENIAN "AUTUMN '74"
SUGGESTS YUGOSLAVS PLAYED EXERCISES STORY WITH AN EYE TO
COMINFORMIST BUSINESS, BUT DIRECT LINK BETWEEN TRIAL,
PACT MANEUVERS, AND EARLY CROATIAN EXERCISES UNSUBSTANTIATED.
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